

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Monthlyr Town Council Meeting  
September 7, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 7, 2010, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates and Council Members: Michael Harris, Diana Reedy, Dennis Reedy and Johnnie Branham.

Council member Joe Sperow was absent.

### **ITEMS # I & II**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates at 7:26 p.m. Anita Belcher offered the invocation.

### **ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. After receiving none from the Council, Mayor Yates entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented **A motion was made by Council Member Dennis Reedy to approve the agenda, with motion on the floor seconded by Rocky Wood.** Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- July 15, 2010                      Public Hearing – Environment Review Hearing
- August 3, 2010                   Monthly Town Council Meeting

Mayor Yates entertained a motion for approval. **A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood** to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2010, Environmental Review Hearing as presented, with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Dennis Reedy.** **A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood** to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010, town council minutes as presented, with motion on the floor being **seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy** Let the record show both motions on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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**ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the Council was presented for approval the following:

- Current listing of payables due for September 2010
- August 2010 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 2010 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 9830-9877
- August 2010 Profit & Loss Report

During the review, Council Member Diana Reedy requested a listing of the expenditures and revenue be included in the council member packet.

Mayor Yates replied the listing could be included in the council packet mailed prior to the meeting.

Town Clerk Barbara Owens stated the report would not include the total figures for the month.

Council Member Dennis Reedy replied a report listed the current monthly figures would be acceptable.

At this time Mayor Yates referred to the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, presented to each member for review. He reported the auditor was currently working to complete the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and planned to attend the October meeting to make a presentation concerning the town audits.

After inspection of the August 2010 financial report, **a motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham** to accept the August 2010 revenue and expenditures & financial report as presented, with the motion on the floor **seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood**. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Police Department Report – Patrolman/School Resource Officer Leroy Yates gave a brief activity report of the department's activities. He reported on a B&E at P&C Variety Store, several traffic summons issued, answering calls for security alarms and other normal calls for service. Mayor Yates asked if the P&C burglary had been solved. Officer Yates replied a description had been given, but no luck in finding the suspects. Council Member Johnnie Branham stated he had seen a man with a sleeping bag on the riverbank the night before and asked if Officer Yates had made the observation. Officer Yates replied he had not been on duty at that time.
- B. Floodplain Ordinance - Mayor Yates asked for additional discussion, after receiving none, Council Member **Rocky Wood made a motion to adopt the proposed Floodplain Ordinance # 2010-01. Council Member Johnnie Branham asked if the motion was to adopt the ordinance as is. After receiving an affirmative answer from Council Member Rocky Wood, Council Member Johnnie Branham seconded the motion. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote.**

**Voting Record:**

<b>Johnnie Branham</b>	<b>– Yes</b>
<b>Michael Harris</b>	<b>– Yes</b>
<b>Diana Reedy</b>	<b>– Yes</b>
<b>Dennis Reedy</b>	<b>- Abstain</b>
<b>Rocky Wood</b>	<b>- Yes</b>
<b>Joe Sperow</b>	<b>- Absent</b>

Let the record show the motion was passed with four yes votes and one abstained vote.

**ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Golf Cart Ordinance – Mayor Yates opened the floor for discussion concerning the golf cart ordinance. Council Member Diana Reedy stated she wanted to make a proposal to adopt an ordinance for golf cart usage on Bartley Street, and all streets in the Fork Bottom area. Mayor Yates asked Council Member Diana Reedy to confirm the streets referenced as Bartley Street, J&M Belcher Street and Railroad Street. Council Member Diana Reedy replied affirmatively. Officer Yates confirmed the speed limit in that area as 25 mph. Mayor Yates stated there would be parameters to be worked with in order to put the ordinance in place, including signage required by VDOT specifications. Mayor Yates read orally the complete text of the Code of Virginia pertaining to § 45.2-916.2 *Designation of public highways for golf cart and utility vehicle* and Codes 46.1-1-81 & 46.2-1010

At this time Council Member Dennis Reedy referred to the requirement of signage as stated in the Code of Virginia and displayed signage he had personally purchased in order to meet the requirement and also offered to pay the expense of the Public Notice and installation cost of the signs.

Kay Owens asked what streets would be designated for golf cart operation. Council Member Dennis Reedy replied the streets would be Bartley Street and the entire Fork Bottom area.

Council Member Johnnie Branham suggested Main Street be included in the Ordinance.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated in his opinion the entire town should be included because of the plans for ATV trails and that the town should pay for the cost of the required signs.

Mayor Yates stated the first step should be to contact VDOT for reference of sign placement.

Council Member Johnnie Branham stated he thought ATV's should be included in the ordinance.

Officer Yates stated the three signs should meet the requirement of the proposed ordinance.

**ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS CONT'D**

**A. Golf Cart Ordinance Cont'd**

Mayor Yates proposed to contact VDOT, draft a proposed ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing for the October meeting. At this time he asked Council if they wanted the ordinance to include the entire town.

Council Members Johnnie Branham and Rock Wood replied affirmatively.

Mayor Yates stated he would reference & research the Code of Virginia to aid in the development of the ordinance.

Discussions concerning the proposed golf cart ordinance including noise disturbance, Sunday operation, plans for the ATV trails, and streets to be included.

Mayor Yates stated it was his opinion to include ATV operation in the proposed Ordinance would be premature.

Council Member Dennis Reedy suggested the Council adopt the ordinance to include only golf carts and amend the ordinance as needed in the future.

Council Rocky Wood suggested the ordinance include all town streets for golf cart operation.

Mayor Yates stated he would contact VDOT to discuss the required signage placement, complete the ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Animal Control Ordinance - Mayor Yates opened the floor for discussion of the proposed ordinance. A draft of the ordinance was presented to Council for review and discussion was tabled until next month.

**ITEM # VII – MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates made the following announcements:

- Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution Co. had been in town collecting info for a survey; survey forms available from his office
- Stone Mountain Health Clinic planned a dedication in memory of Chad Barton for his service on the Stone Mountain Health Care Board on September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

**ITEM # VII – MAYOR’S COMMENTS CONT’D**

- Submitted a proposal of \$50.00 to purchase surplus blocks from the Stone Mountain Health Clinic project. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood to sell the surplus material to Mayor Yates for \$50.00, with motion on the floor seconded by Diana Reedy. Let the record show the motion was passed by verbal voting.
- Mayor Yates asked Council to refer to their copies of the schedule for roadside debris clean-up. He stated he had not made any progress on the clean-up.

**ITEM # VIII – COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Rocky Wood asked when BVU would be making the internet connection for the fire department. Mayor Yates stated he had requested the connection several times and it was stated in the BVU contract.

Council Member Rocky Wood inquired about the status of the bucket truck. Mayor Yates reported Brad’s Auto Repair was working to make repairs

Council Member Rocky Wood inquired about the status of having trees removed to improve visibility near the bridge located on Rt 83. Mayor Yates reported he had submitted the request and suggested anyone concerned about the area should submit a VDOT Maintenance Concerns Form.

Council Member Johnnie Branham opened a discussion to consider purchasing the old theater building and vacant lot on opposite side of street for a parking area.

**ITEM # IX – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Citizenship Award – Mayor Yates referred to a discussion during last month’s meeting to recognize Ms. Maple Edwards with a citizenship award. He suggested the Council form a selection committee and make the award an annual event to be incorporated into the Autumn Fest. Council Members Diana Reedy, Rocky Wood and Mike Harris volunteered to serve on the Citizenship Award Committee
- B. Town Park – Mayor Yates suggested the town shed, playground and Veterans Memorial be officially named and purchase a sign. Mayor Yates suggested Riverside Park Council Member Johnnie Branham suggested Riverview.. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to name the town park Riverview Park. Council Member Johnnie Branham made a motion to name the town park Riverview Park, with motion on the floor seconded by Diana Reedy. Let the record show the motion was passed by verbally voting.

**ITEM # IX – NEW BUSINESS CONT'D**

- C. Christine Lapp – broken sewer line – Mayor Yates reported Ms. Lapp was unable to attend the meeting and explained she had a problem with her private sewer and that he had been working with Dickenson County PSA, Dickenson County Health Dept and Septic, Inc. to plan how to connect Ms. Lapp to the PSA sewer. He explained she had purchased the Carmel Fuller property located above the intersection of Rts 80/83

**ITEM # X - PUBLIC COMENTS**

Mayor Yates introduced Mark Huerkamp, Americorp Vista volunteer working with Friends of the Russell Fork River. Mr. Huerkamp presented his agenda and goals for the coming year.

Matt Owens made a request for an enclosure or cover for the trash dumpster located beside the town shed. Mayor Yates suggested the Haysi Partners add that request to their planned projects.

Anita Belcher asked when VDOT planned to clean up the roadside debris. Mayor responded by reporting he had made the request several times, and referred to the clean-up schedule as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Council Member Dennis Reedy stated he thought the town should have taken the initiative to remove the debris.

Kay Owens announced the Russell Fork Autumn Fest was scheduled for October 1, 2 & 3. She requested the town submit a request to VDOT for permission to conduct a parade on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. Ms. Owens also asked if four wheelers and golf carts would be allowed to travel through town after the parade. Mayor Yates stated the restrictions for the four wheelers and go-karts would be the same as for past parades. He continued by saying they should be loaded onto trailers in the Splashdam area. He stated golf carts traveling through town after the parade had not been discussed, but he thought the golf carts needed to be loaded in the same area.

Council Member Dennis Reedy asked if he could put a “Farm Use” tag on his golf cart and ride it in town. Officer Yates replied the code section stated the farm must be a working farm and restrictions of distance from the farm applied and the tag must be issued by the DMV.

Council Member Rocky Wood requested Officer Yates to look for a vehicle in the Sandlick area operating with a “Farm Use” tag.

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**ITEM # XI – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, **a motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood** to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk